# For Online Publication: Supplementary Appendix for <br> Pirates of the Mediterranean 

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I. Characterization of Sequential Equilibria for the General Model

Since $p=\beta^{T-1} \underline{b}$ in the final bargaining period, we can compute the upper bound on the remaining types such that selling to any possible type (by setting $p=\beta^{T-2} \underline{b}$ ) is optimal according to the optimization problem:

$$
\max _{p} p \cdot \frac{F(X)-F\left(\frac{p / \beta^{T-2}-\beta \delta \underline{b}}{1-\beta \delta}\right)}{F(X)}+\frac{F\left(\frac{p / \beta^{T-2}-\beta \delta \underline{b}}{1-\beta \delta}\right)}{F(X)}\left(\beta^{T-2} v+\beta^{T-1} \delta \underline{b}\right) .
$$

Therefore, optimal $p$ in the final period satisfies:
(1) $\frac{v+\beta \delta \underline{b}-p / \beta^{T-2}}{(1-\beta \delta)} f\left(\frac{p / \beta^{T-2}-\beta \delta \underline{b}}{1-\beta \delta}\right)-F\left(\frac{p / \beta^{T-2}-\beta \delta \underline{b}}{1-\beta \delta}\right)+F(X) \leq 0$.

Setting $p=\beta^{T-2} \underline{b}$ (and using $F(\underline{b})=0$ ) allows us to determine the upper bound on remaining types:

$$
X=F^{-1}\left[\left(\underline{b}-\frac{v}{1-\beta \delta}\right) f(\underline{b})\right]
$$

From the way we solved for $X$, this upper bound on remaining types in the final period can also be interpreted as the minimum type such that if types were hypothetically distributed over $[X, \bar{b}]$, the game would end one period earlier than
with types distributed over $[\underline{b}, \bar{b}]$.
Letting $b_{t}^{*}$ denote the threshold valuation such that the buyer is indifferent between accepting and rejecting in period $t$, for any $b_{T-1}^{*} \in(\underline{b}, X)$, the price in the next-to-last period, $p_{T-1}$, such that $b_{T-1}^{*}$ is the cutoff can be determined from the fact that this type is indifferent between accepting in $T-1$ and waiting until $T$ to accept. That is,

$$
\beta^{T-2} b_{T-1}^{*}-p_{T-1}=\delta \beta^{T-1}\left(b_{T-1}^{*}-\underline{b}\right)
$$

which gives $p_{T-1}=(1-\delta \beta) \beta^{T-2} b_{T-1}^{*}+\delta \beta^{T-1} \underline{b}$.
Given $p_{T}$ and $p_{T-1}, b_{T-2}^{*}$ can be calculated as the upper bound of types that make it to $T-1$ from (1) since this characterizes the $T-1$ optimization problem when the following period has $p_{T}=\beta^{T-1} \underline{b}$. Generating the first couple such cutoff values gives

$$
\begin{aligned}
b_{T}^{*} & =\underline{b} \\
b_{T-1}^{*} & \in\left(\underline{b}, F^{-1}\left[\left(\underline{b}-\frac{v}{1-\beta \delta}\right) f(\underline{b})\right]\right) \\
b_{T-2}^{*} & =F^{-1}\left[\left(b_{T-1}^{*}-\frac{v}{1-\beta \delta}\right) f\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right)+F\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right)\right] .
\end{aligned}
$$

The prices are given by:

$$
\begin{aligned}
p_{T} & =\beta^{T-1} \underline{b} \\
p_{t} & =(1-\beta \delta) \beta^{t-1} b_{t}^{*}+\delta p_{t+1}, \quad t=1, \ldots, T-1
\end{aligned}
$$

We can solve for the $T-3$ cutoff from the objective function:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \max _{b_{T-2}^{*}}\left\{\left(F\left(b_{T-3}^{*}\right)-F\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right)\right) p_{T-2}\right. \\
& \quad+\left(F\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right)-F\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right)\right)\left(\beta^{T-3} v+\delta p_{T-1}\right) \\
& \left.\quad+F\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right)\left(\beta^{T-3} v(1+\beta \delta)+\delta^{2} \beta^{T-1} \underline{b}\right)\right\} \\
& 2
\end{aligned}
$$

The first-order condition is:

$$
\begin{aligned}
0= & \left(F\left(b_{T-3}^{*}\right)-F\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right)\right) \frac{\partial p_{T-2}}{\partial b_{T-2}^{*}}-f\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right) p_{T-2} \\
& +\left(F\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right)-F\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right)\right) \delta \frac{\partial p_{T-1}}{\partial b_{T-2}^{*}}+\left(f\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right)-f\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right) \frac{\partial b_{T-1}^{*}}{\partial b_{T-2}^{*}}\right)\left(\beta^{T-3} v\right. \\
& \left.+\delta p_{T-1}\right)+f\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right) \frac{\partial b_{T-1}^{*}}{\partial b_{T-2}^{*}}\left(\beta^{T-3} v(1+\beta \delta)+\beta^{T-1} \delta^{2} \underline{b}\right) \\
= & \left(F\left(b_{T-3}^{*}\right)-F\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right)\right)\left((1-\beta \delta)+\delta \frac{\partial p_{T-1}^{*}}{\partial b_{T-2}^{*}}\right)-f\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right)\left[(1-\beta \delta) b_{T-2}^{*}\right. \\
& \left.+\delta p_{T-1}\right]+\left(F\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right)-F\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right)\right) \delta\left[\frac{\partial p_{T-1}}{\partial b_{T-2}^{*}}\right] \\
& +\left(f\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right)-f\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right)\left[\frac{\partial b_{T-1}^{*}}{\partial b_{T-2}^{*}}\right]\right)\left(\beta^{T-3} v+\delta p_{T-1}\right) \\
& +f\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right)\left[\frac{\partial b_{T-1}^{*}}{\partial b_{T-2}^{*}}\right]\left(\beta^{T-3} v(1+\beta \delta)+\beta^{T-1} \delta^{2} \underline{b}\right) \\
= & F\left(b_{T-3}^{*}\right)\left((1-\beta \delta)+\delta \frac{\partial p_{T-1}^{*}}{\partial b_{T-2}^{*}}\right)-(1-\beta \delta) F\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right)-\delta F\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right)\left[\frac{\partial p_{T-1}}{\partial b_{T-2}^{*}}\right] \\
& +f\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right)\left(-(1-\beta \delta) b_{T-2}^{*}+\beta^{T-3} v\right) \\
& +\delta f\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right)\left[\frac{\partial p_{T-1}^{*}}{\partial b_{T-2}^{*}}\right]\left(-b_{T-1}^{*}+\frac{\beta^{T-2} v}{1-\beta \delta}\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

where the last expression used $\frac{\partial p_{T-1}^{*}}{\partial b_{T-2}^{*}}=\beta^{T-2}(1-\beta \delta) \frac{\partial b_{T-1}^{*}}{\partial b_{T-2}^{*}}=0$. Using the firstorder condition for the $T-1$ problem, which reduces to $F\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right)-F\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right)+$ $f\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right)\left[-b_{T-1}^{*}+\frac{v}{1-\beta \delta}\right]=0$, the implicit function theorem gives:

$$
\frac{\partial p_{T-1}^{*}}{\partial b_{T-2}^{*}}=\frac{(1-\beta \delta) f\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right)}{\left.2 f\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right)+f_{T-1}^{\prime *}\right)\left(b_{T-1}^{*}-\frac{v}{1-\beta \delta}\right)} .
$$

Substituting this in, the first-order condition becomes:

$$
\begin{aligned}
0= & \left.F\left(b_{T-3}^{*}\right)\left[2 f\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right)+f_{T-1}^{\prime *}\right)\left(b_{T-1}^{*}-\frac{v}{1-\beta \delta}\right)+\delta f\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right)\right] \\
& \left.-F\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right)\left[2 f\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right)+f_{T-1}^{\prime *}\right)\left(b_{T-1}^{*}-\frac{v}{1-\beta \delta}\right)\right]-\delta F\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right) f\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right) \\
& \left.+f\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right)\left(-b_{T-2}^{*}+\frac{\beta^{T-3} v}{1-\beta \delta}\right)\left[2 f\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right)+f_{T-1}^{\prime *}\right)\left(b_{T-1}^{*}-\frac{v}{1-\beta \delta}\right)\right] \\
& +\delta f\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right) f\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right)\left(-b_{T-1}^{*}+\frac{\beta^{T-2} v}{1-\beta \delta}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

And now we can solve for the $T-3$ cutoff:

$$
b_{T-3}^{*}=F^{-1}\left[F\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right)+f\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right) C\right],
$$

where

$$
C=\frac{\left.\left(b_{T-2}^{*}-\frac{\beta^{T-3} v}{1-\beta \delta}\right)\left\{2 f\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right)+f_{T-1}^{\prime *}\right)\left[b_{T-1}^{*}-\frac{v}{1-\beta \delta}\right]\right\}+\delta f\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right) \frac{v\left(1-\beta^{T-2}\right)}{1-\beta \delta}}{\left.2 f\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right)+f_{T-1}^{\prime *}\right)\left[b_{T-1}^{*}-\frac{v}{1-\beta \delta}\right]+\delta f\left(b_{T-2}^{*}\right)} .
$$

We can then solve for $b_{T-4}^{*}, \ldots, b_{2}^{*}$ and $\tilde{b}_{1}$, and

$$
b_{1}^{*}=F^{-1}\left[\frac{F\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right)-\pi}{1-\pi}\right],
$$

as functions of $b_{T-1}^{*}$. If $b_{1}^{*}\left(b_{T-1}^{*}\right)$ has an inverse, we can then express $b_{2}^{*}, \ldots, b_{T-1}^{*}$ and $p_{1}, \ldots, p_{T-1}$ as functions of $b_{1}^{*}$.
Given the parameters of the associated bargaining problem, let $\breve{b}_{t}^{*}$ and $\breve{p}_{t}$ denote the solution for the acceptance threshold and the price, respectively, in the model without a probabilistic liquidity constraint. For $t=2, \ldots, T$ define $\hat{b}_{t}\left(b_{1}\right)=\breve{b}_{t}^{*}: \breve{b}_{1}^{*}=b_{1}$ and $\hat{p}_{t}\left(b_{1}\right)=\breve{p}_{t}: \breve{b}_{1}^{*}=b_{1}$ as the respective threshold and
price as a function of the period-1 cutoff, $b_{1}^{*}$.
The probability that the bargaining game will end in $t$ (unconditionally) is

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
(1-\pi)\left(1-F\left(b_{1}^{*}\right)\right), & t=1 \\
F\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right)-F\left(\hat{b}_{2}\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right)\right), & t=2 \\
F\left(\hat{b}_{t-1}\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right)\right)-F\left(\hat{b}_{t}\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right)\right), & t=3, \ldots, T .
\end{array}
$$

The seller's payoff if the game ends in $t$ is $\left(1-(\beta \delta)^{t-1}\right) \frac{v}{1-\beta \delta}+\delta^{t-1} p_{t}$, so the objective function can be given as:

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\max _{b_{1}^{*}}(1-\pi)\left(1-F\left(b_{1}^{*}\right)\right) p_{1}+\left(F\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right)-F\left(\hat{b}_{2}\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right)\right)\right)\left(v+\delta \hat{p}_{2}\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right)\right) \\
+\sum_{t=3}^{T}\left(F\left(\hat{b}_{t-1}\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right)\right)-F\left(\hat{b}_{t}\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right)\right)\right)\left[\left(1-(\beta \delta)^{t-1}\right) \frac{v}{1-\beta \delta}+\delta^{t-1} \hat{p}_{t}\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right)\right],
\end{array}
$$

which is equivalent to:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \max _{b_{1}^{*}}(1-\pi)\left(1-F\left(b_{1}^{*}\right)\right) p_{1}+F\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right)\left(v+\delta \hat{p}_{2}\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right)\right) \\
& \quad+\sum_{t=2}^{T-1} \delta^{t-1} F\left(\hat{b}_{t}\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right)\right)\left[v-\hat{p}_{t}\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right)+\delta \hat{p}_{t+1}\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right)\right] .
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence, the first-order condition becomes

$$
\begin{aligned}
0= & (1-\pi)\left(1-F\left(b_{1}^{*}\right)\right) \frac{\partial p_{1}}{\partial b_{1}^{*}}-(1-\pi) p_{1} f\left(b_{1}^{*}\right) \\
& +\frac{\partial \tilde{b}_{1}}{\partial b_{1}^{*}}\left\{F\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right) \delta \hat{p}_{2}^{\prime}+f\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right)\left(v+\delta \hat{p}_{2}\right)+D\right\},
\end{aligned}
$$

where

$$
D=\sum_{t=2}^{T-1} \delta^{t-1}\left[F\left(\hat{b}_{t}\right)\left(-\hat{p}_{t}^{\prime}+\delta \hat{p}_{t+1}^{\prime}\right)+\left(v-\hat{p}_{t}+\delta \hat{p}_{t+1}\right) f\left(\hat{b}_{t}\right) \hat{b}_{t}^{\prime}\right]
$$

and the argument $\tilde{b}_{1}$ is suppressed in the hatted functions, $\hat{b}, \hat{p}$ (and also their derivatives: $\left.\hat{b}^{\prime}, \hat{p}^{\prime}\right)$. Using

$$
\frac{\partial \tilde{b}_{1}}{\partial b_{1}^{*}}=\frac{(1-\pi) f\left(b_{1}^{*}\right)}{f\left(\pi+(1-\pi) F\left(b_{1}^{*}\right)\right)} \quad \text { and } \quad \frac{\partial p_{1}}{\partial b_{1}^{*}}=(1-\beta \delta)+\frac{\delta \hat{p}_{2}^{\prime}(1-\pi) f\left(b_{1}^{*}\right)}{f\left(\pi+(1-\pi) F\left(b_{1}^{*}\right)\right)}
$$

while factoring out $(1-\pi)$, the first-order condition becomes:

$$
\begin{aligned}
0= & (1-\beta \delta)\left(1-F\left(b_{1}^{*}\right)\right)-p_{1} f\left(b_{1}^{*}\right) \\
& +\frac{f\left(b_{1}^{*}\right)}{f\left(\pi+(1-\pi) F\left(b_{1}^{*}\right)\right)}\left\{\delta(1-\pi)\left(1-F\left(b_{1}^{*}\right) \hat{p}_{2}^{\prime}\right)+F\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right) \delta \hat{p}_{2}^{\prime}\right. \\
& +f\left(\tilde{b}_{1}\right)\left(v+\delta \hat{p}_{2}\right)+\sum_{t=2}^{T-1} \delta^{t-1}\left[F\left(\hat{b}_{t}\right)\left(-\hat{p}_{t}^{\prime}+\delta \hat{p}_{t+1}^{\prime}\right)\right. \\
& \left.\left.+\left(v-\hat{p}_{t}+\delta \hat{p}_{t+1}\right) f\left(\hat{b}_{t}\right) \hat{b}_{t}^{\prime}\right]\right\}
\end{aligned}
$$

which can be used to solve for the optimal acceptance threshold in the first period.

## II. Data Construction and Summary Statistics

From the reign of Philip II (reigned 1556-1598) onwards, royal authorities appointed a notary to accompany the ransoming missions. This notary was required to record all financial transactions and often provided anecdotes relevant to the bargaining procedures. The data are drawn from these notary records which contain information on a wide variety of ransomed captives, ranging from the Spanish nobility and clergy to fisherman.

Table 1 provides the number of captives ransomed in each of the 22 ransoming expeditions we use in this paper. The first column provides the year(s) spanned by the ransoming trip and the second column gives the archival reference for the notarial record. The third column provides the number of captives for whom a full ransom was paid, whereas the fourth column provides the number of those for whom only the exit tax was paid or the ransom price was zero or missing. ${ }^{1}$

[^0]In table 2, we provide summary statistics for all individuals with full ransoms which is our baseline sample. The missed trip variable is calculated using an individual's time in captivity, the year he was ransomed, the ransoming trips performed by the Mercedarian redemption order (Garí y Siumell, 1873) and the trips in the sample. We used these data to compute how many known trips had gone to Algiers since a captive was captured (we assume that if the individual was captured in the year in which a ransoming expedition came he missed that trip) until they were ransomed. ${ }^{2}$

Children are defined as all individuals who are less than twelve. Females are those who have the first names: Ageda, Agueda, Agustina, Alberta, Aldonza, Ana, Angela, Antona, Antonia, Beatriz, Bernarda, Catalina, Caterina, Cathalina, Clara, Constanza, Cornelia, Cristina, Damiana, Dominga, Elena, Elvira, Esperanza, Feliciaña, Felipa, Francisca, Gerónima, Ginesa, Gregoria, Guida, Inés, Isabel, Jacinta, Joana, Josepha, Juana, Jusepa, Leonarda, Lucia, Lucrecia, Luisa, Madalena, Magdalena, Manuela, Margarita, María, Mariana, Marina, Marta, Nicolasa, Paula, Pereta, Petronila, Teresa, Theodora, Thomasa, Thomasina, Vitoria, Yasimina or are otherwise specified as female.

Although the professions are drawn from the ransom entries and are likely generally accurate when the relevant information is provided, these professional categories are surely measured with error. In addition to the fact that we could not identify a profession for roughly half of the sample, in some cases a captive could be classified as belonging to two separate categories. Although such conflicts do not arise frequently, in such cases we have picked one category and when doing this have sought to choose the category which best corresponds to the captive. ${ }^{3}$

[^1]All classifications have been documented and are available (along with the archival reference for each ransom entry) in the replication files for the paper. ${ }^{4}$

To identify the latitude and longitude of a captive's home as well as the exact place of his capture we used the website http://www.latlong.net. ${ }^{5}$ A map of the location of capture for captives ransomed from the baseline sample is provided in Figure 1 where larger circles denote more ransomed captives who were captured in a given area. Algiers is denoted by the black circle labeled Algiers. The remaining black circles denote the bargaining bases. The Kingdom of Castile is shaded grey. ${ }^{6}$

Of the 915 earmarked captives in the full sample (there are 908 in the baseline sample), we obtained the funds sent for 634 from the main ransom record. For the remaining 281 captives, we found this information elsewhere in the ransoming records. When there was information both in the main record and elsewhere (for 257 captives) the amount of earmarked money was exactly the same in roughly $60 \%$ of the cases. When there was divergence, this seems to have often been because either only the amount used to ransom a captive was recorded in the main record or the captive had multiple sources of earmarked money that weren't all recorded elsewhere in the ransom records. When there were conflicts we used the amount of earmarked funds as given in the main ransom record.

Although the majority of ransom prices were given in silver reales or pesos, more rarely ducados, Algerian doblas, escudos, maravedies and billon prices appear. We have converted all ransom prices to reales and to do this have used the implied conversion in the ransom records when these were available. ${ }^{7}$ When

[^2]these conversions were not available, we have used the following conventions: 1 ducado $=375$ maravedis, 1 real $=34$ maravedis, 1 gold coin $=8$ silver coins, 1 billon real $=0.5$ silver reales. ${ }^{8}$ It should be stressed that for most captives no conversions were necessary and even when these were necessary most conversions were drawn from the ransom books. Thus, measurement error due to these conversions is probably not a major concern.

In table 3 we present the correlates of ransom prices. In column 1 we omit trip dummies and only include the profession dummies where the omitted group is captives whose profession is not identified. The results show the mean ransom (more precisely the exponential of the mean of log ransoms) of the omitted group was 1598 reales for captives whose profession we could not identify. These prices were over $13 \log$ points lower for fisherman, $23 \log$ points higher for those captured on their way to and from the Americas, $66 \log$ points higher for clerics, $5 \log$ points higher for soldiers and over 200 log points higher for members of the nobility. In column 2, we cluster standard errors by the integer value of a captive's exact date of capture. The number of observations drops when we do this, because this date of capture is calculated by using the TimeCaptive variable which has 4296 non-missing values. In column 3 we add trip dummies. In column 4 we include the full vector of controls, and in column 5 we limit the sample to those who have non-missing homes. The specification in column 5 is the same as in column 2 of panel A of Table 1 in the main text.

In general, the results are stable across these specifications and are consistent with the historical literature stressing that captives such as those coming to and from the Americas and soldiers were in higher demand than other captives (e.g. Friedman, 1983, p. 146).

In table 4 we reproduce table 1 from the main text including the distance a captive was taken from his home as a control. Here, we simply note that the inclusion of this control does not qualitatively affect the results (aside from the

[^3]natural decrease in statistical precision that comes from the reduced sample size).

## III. Derivation of the Likelihood Function

For each negotiation we observe three outcome quantities: transaction price $P\left(i, n_{i}, t_{i}\right)$, number of rejected offers plus one $n_{i}$, and time in captivity $t_{i}$. Exogenous quantities are personal characteristics of the captives $\boldsymbol{X}_{\boldsymbol{i}}$. Thus, for each observation the general form of the likelihood function is:

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{i}=\operatorname{Prob}\left[P\left(i, n_{i}, t_{i}\right) \mid n_{i}, t_{i}\right] \operatorname{Prob}\left[t_{i} \mid n_{i}\right] \operatorname{Prob}\left[n_{i}\right] \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Given that arrival of the possibility to negotiate is a random variable that depends only on $\lambda$ that we estimate separately, term $\operatorname{Prob}\left[t_{i} \mid n_{i}\right]$ does not depend on the unknown parameters and will be omitted in subsequent equations. Note also that estimating $\lambda$ in a separate step is equivalent to a joint estimation because $\lambda$ enters only $\operatorname{Prob}\left[t_{i} \mid n_{i}\right]$, which does not have any other parameters in it.

For our specification of the error term,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{Prob}\left[P\left(i, n_{i}, t_{i}\right) \mid n_{i}, t_{i}\right]=\frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pi \theta^{2}}} e^{-\frac{\left(\log P\left(i, n_{i}, t_{i}\right)-\log p\left(i, n_{i}, t_{i}\right)\right)^{2}}{2 \theta^{2}}} \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Moreover, for the function forms of the buyer's and seller's valuations the equilibrium price has the following linear form:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\log p\left(i, n_{i}, t_{i}\right)=\boldsymbol{\alpha} \boldsymbol{X}_{\boldsymbol{i}}-x t_{i}+\log p_{n_{i}} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Denoting

$$
\begin{gather*}
\hat{\varepsilon}=\log P\left(i, n_{i}, t_{i}\right)-\boldsymbol{\alpha} \boldsymbol{X}_{\boldsymbol{i}}+x t_{i}-\log p_{n_{i}},  \tag{5}\\
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\end{gather*}
$$

one can write the log-likelihood function as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\log L=-\frac{N}{2} \log \theta^{2}-\frac{1}{2 \theta^{2}} \sum_{i} \hat{\varepsilon}_{i}^{2}+\sum_{i} \log \operatorname{Prob}\left[n_{i}\right] \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Following the standard estimation procedure, we define our maximum likelihood estimates as the set of parameter values that maximize the function above. However, to make the computation more robust and less demanding, we break the optimization into several steps. In the first step we solve for $\hat{\theta}$ and substitute it back in the likelihood function. The first order condition for $\hat{\theta}^{2}$ is

$$
\begin{equation*}
-\frac{N}{2 \hat{\theta}^{2}}+\frac{1}{2 \hat{\theta}^{4}} \sum_{i} \hat{\varepsilon}_{i}^{2}=0 \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

which results in the following estimate of $\hat{\theta}$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hat{\theta}^{2}=\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i} \hat{\varepsilon}_{i}^{2} \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Substituting $\hat{\theta}^{2}$ back into the likelihood function and dropping the constant yields our maximum likelihood function:
$\log L=-\frac{N}{2} \log \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i}\left(\log P\left(i, n_{i}, t_{i}\right)+x t_{i}-\boldsymbol{\alpha} \boldsymbol{X}_{i}-\log p_{n_{i}}\right)^{2}\right)+\sum_{i} \log \operatorname{Prob}\left[n_{i}\right]$.

The convenience of this function form is that the vector parameter $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ does not affect $\operatorname{Prob}\left[n_{i}\right]$. Hence, the estimate of $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ minimizes the sum of squared errors in the first term. Hence, it is the standard OLS estimate of regressing $\log P\left(i, n_{i}, t_{i}\right)$ on $\boldsymbol{X}_{i}$ and $\log p_{n_{i}}$.

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Figure 1. : Number of Captives Ransomed by Place of Capture


[^4]Table 1—: Data Sources

| Year | Archive | FullRansom | ExitTax or Missing | All |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1575 | mss2963 | 140 | 5 | 145 |
| $1580 / 1581$ | 1118,1120 | 151 | 0 | 151 |
| 1582 | 1119 | 106 | 1 | 107 |
| $1587 / 1588$ | 1122 | 96 | 6 | 102 |
| $1591 / 1592$ | 1121 | 116 | 4 | 120 |
| 1618 | 1125 | 144 | 1 | 145 |
| 1627 | $\operatorname{mss} 3872$ | 141 | 2 | 143 |
| 1642 | 1133 | 139 | 3 | 142 |
| 1649 | 1132 | 91 | 15 | 106 |
| 1651 | $\operatorname{mss} 3597$ | 230 | 9 | 239 |
| 1660 | $\operatorname{mss} 4359$ | 365 | 3 | 368 |
| 1662 | 1139 | 261 | 24 | 285 |
| 1664 | $\operatorname{mss} 4394$ | 230 | 32 | 262 |
| 1667 | $\operatorname{mss} 3586$ | 200 | 11 | 211 |
| 1669 | $\operatorname{mss} 3593$ | 180 | 9 | 189 |
| 1670 | 1135 | 168 | 24 | 192 |
| 1675 | $\operatorname{mss} 2974$ | 497 | 22 | 519 |
| 1678 | $\operatorname{mss} 7752$ | 421 | 28 | 449 |
| 1679 | 1146 | 127 | 38 | 165 |
| 1686 | mss4363 | 308 | 12 | 320 |
| 1690 | 1145 | 127 | 37 | 164 |
| 1692 | $l 147$ | 140 | 16 | 156 |
| Total |  | 4378 | 302 | 4680 |

Notes: Archive entries prefaced with lare from the Archivo Histórico Nacional, códices. The number after l details the legajo. Archive entries prefaced with mss are from the Biblioteca Nacional de Madrid. The number after mss gives the manuscript number. The column FullRansom provides the number of captives for whom a full ransom was paid, the column ExitTax or Missing provides the number of captives for whom only the exit tax was paid (or similar) as well as the number of captives who were missing information on their price or this price was zero. See text for details.

Table 2-: Summary Statistics (Full Ransoms)

| Variable | N <br> $(1)$ | Mean <br> $(2)$ | Std. <br> $(3)$ | Min <br> $(4)$ | Max <br> $(5)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| General |  |  |  |  |  |
| Year of Ransom | 4378 | 1654.63 | 33.22 | 1575 | 1692 |
| $\ln$ (Ransom) | 4378 | 7.40 | 0.59 | 3.67 | 11.71 |
| ln(Earmarked) | 908 | 6.90 | 1.09 | 3.69 | 11.70 |
| Age at Ransom | 4322 | 34.73 | 14.16 | 0.08 | 88.00 |
| Time Captive | 4296 | 5.62 | 6.38 | 0.02 | 60.00 |
| Age at Captivity | 4265 | 29.11 | 13.14 | 0 | 85.92 |
| Female | 4378 | 0.07 | 0.26 | 0 | 1 |
| Child | 4322 | 0.03 | 0.17 | 0 | 1 |
| Mainland | 4323 | 0.59 | 0.49 | 0 | 1 |
| Ldis | 4323 | 5.07 | 2.07 | 0 | 9.13 |
| Ldisalg | 4323 | 6.68 | 0.72 | 0 | 9.20 |
| Ldiscap | 2090 | 4.21 | 2.77 | 0 | 9.38 |
| MissedTrips | 4296 | 1.93 | 2.73 | 0 | 25 |
| Profession |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fisherman | 4378 | 0.13 | 0.34 | 0 | 1 |
| Carrera | 4378 | 0.05 | 0.22 | 0 | 1 |
| Soldier | 4378 | 0.26 | 0.44 | 0 | 1 |
| Cleric | 4378 | 0.03 | 0.16 | 0 | 1 |
| Noble | 4378 | 0.003 | 0.05 | 0 | 1 |
| Other | 4378 | 0.03 | 0.16 | 0 | 1 |
| Missing | 4378 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0 | 1 |

Notes: earmarked funds are those sent from Spain for the ransom of a specific captive. Ldis is the logarithm of one plus the minimum distance of a captive's home to the bargaining bases. Ldisalg is the logarithm of one plus the distance of a captive's home to Algiers. Ldiscap is the logarithm of one plus the distance of a captive's home to his place of capture. Carrera denotes captives caught on their way to or returning from the Americas. See text for details.

Table 3-: Correlates of Ransom Prices

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $(1)$ | $(2)$ | $(3)$ | $(4)$ | $(5)$ |
| TimeCaptive |  |  |  | -1.09 | -1.05 |
|  |  |  |  | $(0.13)$ | $(0.13)$ |
| AgeatCapture |  |  | -0.56 | -0.59 |  |
|  |  |  |  | $(0.08)$ | $(0.07)$ |
| Fisherman | -13.04 | -13.61 | -11.90 | -8.46 | -8.86 |
|  | $(1.85)$ | $(2.28)$ | $(2.32)$ | $(2.19)$ | $(2.15)$ |
| Carrera | 22.58 | 22.22 | 20.51 | 21.19 | 21.45 |
|  | $(4.88)$ | $(6.43)$ | $(6.02)$ | $(5.54)$ | $(5.49)$ |
| Cleric | 66.38 | 64.68 | 67.55 | 69.64 | 69.53 |
|  | $(7.55)$ | $(8.64)$ | $(8.07)$ | $(7.99)$ | $(8.15)$ |
| Soldier | 4.59 | 4.09 | 6.27 | 8.66 | 6.90 |
|  | $(2.12)$ | $(2.33)$ | $(2.66)$ | $(2.74)$ | $(2.49)$ |
| Noble | 205.98 | 190.88 | 178.48 | 159.48 | 133.69 |
|  | $(45.36)$ | $(41.59)$ | $(37.14)$ | $(36.07)$ | $(32.72)$ |
| Other | -9.69 | -14.14 | -6.29 | -4.49 | -4.76 |
|  | $(6.45)$ | $(5.84)$ | $(5.16)$ | $(4.80)$ | $(4.76)$ |
| Child |  |  |  | 5.12 | 4.44 |
|  |  |  |  | $(4.46)$ | $(4.49)$ |
| Female |  |  |  | 10.38 | 11.48 |
|  |  |  |  | $(6.01)$ | $(5.72)$ |
| Constant | 737.63 | 738.10 |  |  |  |
| Trip Dummies? | (1.18) | $(2.20)$ |  | Yo | No |
| N |  | Yes | Yes | Yes |  |
| SE | 4378 | 4296 | 4296 | 4265 | 4220 |
| Sample | Robust | Cluster | Cluster | Cluster | Cluster |
| All | All | All | All | Dist. |  |

Notes: the row SE, denotes how the standard errors are calculated in each regression, clustered standard errors are clustered by year of capture. The row Sample denotes the subsample used, All denotes the entire possible sample whereas Dist. denotes that the sample is limited to observations with non-missing values for distance to the bargaining bases. All coefficients are multiplied by 100 for ease of exposition.
Table 4-: Time in Captivity, Distance to Bargaining Bases and Ransom Prices: Robustness

|  | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Panel A: OLS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Years Captive | -1.04 | -0.96 | -1.01 | -0.88 | -0.77 | -0.59 | -0.76 |
|  | (0.18) | (0.18) | (0.52) | (0.22) | (0.22) | (0.69) | (0.22) |
| Age at Capture | -0.75 | -0.70 | -0.78 | -0.97 | -0.93 | -1.00 | -0.93 |
|  | (0.09) | (0.09) | (0.20) | (0.10) | (0.11) | (0.22) | (0.11) |
| Ldiscap | 1.11 | 0.52 | 1.12 | 1.88 | 1.27 | 1.20 | 1.25 |
|  | (0.48) | (0.48) | (0.83) | (0.58) | (0.64) | (1.68) | (0.63) |
| $\ln ($ Earmarked) |  |  | -131.69 |  |  | -124.39 |  |
|  |  |  | (20.63) |  |  | (30.07) |  |
| $l n^{2}($ Earmarked) |  |  | 12.34 |  |  | 11.85 |  |
|  |  |  | (1.46) |  |  | (2.22) |  |
| p-value | [0.12] | [0.17] | [0.66] | [0.70] | [0.47] | [0.56] | [0.45] |
|  |  |  |  | Panel B: I |  |  |  |
| Years Captive | -8.03 | -6.73 | -12.29 | -11.16 | -9.54 | -13.35 | -13.82 |
|  | (2.82) | (2.38) | (4.74) | (5.33) | (5.66) | (9.96) | (8.89) |
|  | [-18.88, -3.89] | [-12.11,-1.53] | [-30.85,-4.98] | [-32.05,-2.93] | [-19.18,2.78] | [-52.38,25.68] | [-48.66,21.01] |
| Age at Capture | -1.14 | -1.18 | -1.23 | -1.47 | -1.55 | -1.39 | -1.85 |
|  | (0.20) | (0.23) | (0.30) | (0.30) | (0.42) | (0.38) | (0.60) |
| Ldiscap | 1.55 | -0.01 | 2.02 | 3.19 | 0.77 | 3.14 | 0.56 |
|  | (0.72) | (0.62) | (1.49) | (1.30) | (0.90) | (3.50) | (1.15) |
| $\ln$ (Earmarked) |  |  | -139.39 |  |  | -150.00 |  |
|  |  |  | (24.51) |  |  | (40.87) |  |
| $l n^{2}($ Earmarked) |  |  | 12.54 |  |  | 13.16 |  |
|  |  |  | (1.69) |  |  | (2.69) |  |
| p-value | [0.01] | [0.01] | [0.02] | [0.06] | [0.13] | [0.22] | [0.15] |
|  | Panel C: First Stage |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ldis | 0.29 | 0.34 | 0.28 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.31 |
|  | (0.09) | (0.09) | (0.10) | (0.10) | (0.10) | (0.14) | (0.20) |
| Ldiscap | 0.05 | -0.13 | 0.03 | 0.13 | -0.05 | 0.12 | -0.06 |
|  | (0.07) | (0.06) | (0.10) | (0.09) | (0.08) | (0.18) | (0.08) |
| N | 2051 | 2051 | 409 | 1157 | 1157 | 248 | 1157 |
| Clusters | 121 | 121 | 83 | 113 | 113 | 61 | 113 |
| Controls? | No | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes, Cities |
| Sample | All | All | All | Castile | Castile | Castile | Castile | Notes: the dependent variable in panels A and B is the logarithm of captive's ransom whereas that in panel C is years in captivity before ransom.

The row p-value in panels A and B presents the p-value for the null hypothesis that the coefficient on years in captivity is the same as that on age at ther distance of a captive's home to his place of capture. Standard errors are clustered by year of capture. Coefficients in panels A and B are multiplied by 100 for ease of exposition.

Table 5-: Comparative Statics of Gains from Trade

| $\lambda / x$ | $-70 \%$ | $-40 \%$ | Estimated |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| $+40 \%$ |  |  |  |  | $+70 \%$ |  |
| Seller's share |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $-70 \%$ | 39.6 | 39.6 | 39.4 | 39.2 | 39.1 |  |
| $-40 \%$ | 34.8 | 33.9 | 34.4 | 33.9 | 34.5 |  |
| Estimated | 30.3 | 30.7 | 31.6 | 32.3 | 32.8 |  |
| $+40 \%$ | 20.8 | 21.4 | 21.9 | 22.3 | 22.6 |  |
| $+70 \%$ | 19.8 | 20.2 | 20.5 | 21.1 | 21.4 |  |
|  | Buyer's share |  |  |  |  |  |
| $-70 \%$ | 47.4 | 46.8 | 46.2 | 45.4 | 45.0 |  |
| $-40 \%$ | 53.1 | 54.4 | 52.1 | 53.3 | 51.2 |  |
| Estimated | 58.5 | 56.9 | 54.3 | 51.8 | 49.9 |  |
| $+40 \%$ | 70.8 | 68.8 | 67.3 | 67.0 | 66.1 |  |
| $+70 \%$ | 70.9 | 69.8 | 69.2 | 67.1 | 66.0 |  |
|  |  | Total costs |  |  |  |  |
| $-70 \%$ | 12.9 | 13.6 | 14.5 | 15.4 | 15.9 |  |
| $-40 \%$ | 12.0 | 11.7 | 13.5 | 12.8 | 14.3 |  |
| Estimated | 11.2 | 12.4 | 14.2 | 15.8 | 17.4 |  |
| $+40 \%$ | 8.5 | 9.8 | 10.8 | 10.7 | 11.3 |  |
| $+70 \%$ | 9.3 | 10.0 | 10.2 | 11.8 | 12.6 |  |

Notes: This table shows shows how the distribution of gains from trade between the seller, the buyer, and the costs, depends on $\lambda$ (offer arrival intensity) and on $x$ (depreciation rate while captive). Total gain is normalized to $100 \%$. Comparative statics with respect to $\lambda$ is shown in rows; comparative statics with respect to $x$ is shown in columns. For example, the central column shows the distribution of gains for $x$ estimated earlier, the first column shows that distribution when $x$ is lowered by $70 \%$, the second column shows that distribution when $x$ is lowered by $40 \%$, etc.


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ The exit tax was a fixed sum that had to be paid before a captive was allowed to leave Algiers.

[^1]:    Thus, captives who had paid their own ransoms or who had been set free had to pay this tax before they could leave Algiers.
    ${ }^{2}$ To construct the year of capture we subtract the time in captivity (which is always greater than zero) from the year of ransom.
    ${ }^{3}$ To be precise, fisherman are those who were caught while fishing and for whom no other information was available. Clerics are those whose first name begin with "Fray" or who are otherwise defined as clerics irrespective of other information. For the remaining entries, we proceeded sequentially. For the remaining individuals, we assign an individual to the carrera if there was information that he was taken on the carrera de indias. From those remaining, we identify soldiers or those in the service of the King. From those remaining we assign an individual to the nobility if there is evidence he was a member of

[^2]:    the nobility. From those remaining, we assign an individual to the other category if he is identified as a barbero, carpintero, cirujano, comerciante, comerciante de esclavos, contra maestre, criado, grumete, guardia, herrero, labrador, labradora, mercader or pastor. For the remainder of the individuals we could not identify a profession.
    ${ }^{4}$ For a complementary discussion of the data construction see Chaney (2015).
    ${ }^{5}$ To calculate distances we used the vincenty module in STATA to obtain the Haversine-based calculations.
    ${ }^{6}$ Excel files documenting the original data transcription as well as the matching of hometowns and places of capture to latitudes and longitudes are available upon request.
    ${ }^{7}$ For example the ransom record of Fernando Corzo (1122, f. 132r) notes: "his ransom cost 100 escudos which make 420 doblas of Algiers at the rate of 4.2 doblas per escudo [...the 420 doblas] are worth 40000 maravedies" this implies that 420 doblas are worth approximately 1176 reales or each dobla is worth 2.8 reales.

[^3]:    ${ }^{8}$ See Cayón, Cayón and Cayón (2005, pp. 401-402) and Lea (1906, pp. 560-561)

[^4]:    Note: Larger circles denote a larger number of ransomed captives. Algiers is denoted by the black circle labeled Algiers. The remaining black circles denote the bargaining bases. The Kingdom of Castile is shaded grey.

